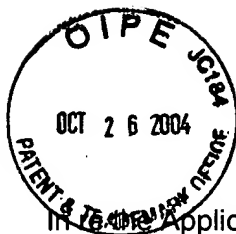


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In re Application of:

Mayumi TOMIKAWA et al.

Serial No. 09/909,809

Group Art Unit: 1631

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXTRACTING AND EVALUATING MUTUALLY  
SIMILAR PORTIONS IN ONE-DIMENSIONAL SEQUENCES IN MOLECULES AND/OR  
THREE-DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURES OF MOLECULES

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner for an extension of time by 5 months for the Office communication mailed on April 26, 2004 finding the response filed on January 23, 2004 to be non-responsive and setting a shortened, 1-month period for response set to expire on May 26, 2004 and said petition extending the response due date to October 26, 2004. A check for the appropriate fee set by 37 CFR §1.17 of \$2,080.00 is attached hereto for this Petition.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any Petition for Extension of Time fee for underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

STAAS & HALSEY LLP

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